(ख) ऐसे देश जहां से अधिक संख्या में पर्यटक आते हैं, वहां से वर्ष 1997 में भारत आने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों की कुल संख्या नीचे दिए अनुसार है:—

| देश | | विदेशी पर्यटक आगमन | जोड़ का प्रतिशत |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | यू॰के॰ | 370567 | 15.6 |
| 2. | यू॰एस॰ए॰ | 244239 | 10.3 |
| 3. | श्रीलंका | 122080 | 5.1 |
| 4. | जर्मनी | 105979 | 4.5 |
| 5. | जापान | 99729 | 4.2 |
| 6. | फ्रांस | 91423 | 3.8 |
| 7. | कनाडा | 78570 | 3.3 |
| 8. | मलेशिया | 60401 | 2.6 |
| 9. | इटली | 53854 | 2.3 |
| 10. | सिंगापुर | 52004 | 2.2 |
| 11. | आस्ट्रेलिया | 50647 | 2.1 |
| 12. | नीदरलैंड्स | 44843 | 1.9 |
| 13. | नेपाल | 43155 | 1.8 |
| 14. | स्विटज़रलैण्ड | 31717 | 1.3 |
| 15. | स्पेन | 22903 | 1.0 |
| 16. | दक्षिण अफ्रीका | 22218 | 0.9 |
| 17. | बेल्जियम | 21532 | 0.9 |
| 18. | इज़रायल | 20162 | 0.9 |
| 19. | यू॰ए॰ई॰ | 19828 | 0.8 |
| 20. | अन्य | 818243 | 34.5 |
| | जोड़: | 2374094 | 100.0 |

(ग) वे दर्शनीय स्थल, जिन्हें विदेशी पर्यटक, भारत में देखना और जिनका अध्ययन करना चाहते हैं उनमें शामिल हैं:—पुरातात्विक स्मारक और सांस्कृतिक आकर्षण, वन्य जीवन और प्राकृतिक भू-दृश्यांकन, समुद्रतट, द्वीप, पर्वत और विश्वदाय स्थलों एवं इमारतों सहित मरुस्थल।

**Setting up of Tourism Institutes**

3978. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the States where Tourism Institutes have been set up by Government;

(b) the idea behind the establishment of these Institutes;

(c) whether any such Institute is proposed to be set up at Nawarangpur in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India have set up only two Institutes of Tourism and Travel Management:—

(1) Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management; Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh)

(2) Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management Baji Rout Regional Centre for Eastern India, Bhubaneswar (Orissa)

Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management also has its Chapters at the following places:—

(i) Kerala Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)

(ii) Institute of Tourism Management, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)

(iii) Institute of Tourism and Travel Management, Delhi Chapter, Delhi

(iv) Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management, Calcutta (West Bengal)

(v) Assam Institute of Management, Guwahati (Assam)

(b) The Institutes have been set up to impart specialised training to students in Tourism related subjects to meet the growing needs of the Travel and Tourism Industry for trained man-power in the country.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration in the Central Sector.

(d) Does not arise.

**Interministerial Committee on Tourism**

3979. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to constitute an Interministerial Committee for growth of tourism in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an Export Promotion Council is being constituted for tourism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how the two are going to function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) and (b) A Standing Committee of the Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary has been constituted to sort out co-ordination problems and genrerate consensus amongst the Department with a view to facilitate the growth of tourism.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Promotion of Tourism**

3980. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what concrete steps have been taken by Government to promote tourism in the country; and

(b) how can the existing tourist destinations be further improved and what means are being adopted to identify potential tourist spots in State like Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) The steps taken by the Union Government for the promotion of tourism include improvement of infrastructural facilities and tourism product by providing financial assistance to State Governments, encouraging private investment, undertaking Promotion and Publicity and Human Resources Development.

(b) Development of Tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the state Governments/UT administrations for improving the facilities and attractions at various destinations on the basis of specific proposals received from them. The Ministry of Tourism also commissions surveys and studies and advise the State Governments. During 1997-98, based on the State's performance, the Ministry of Tourism, Govt of India sanctioned financial assistance to Punjab, Uttar